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Good afternoon Administrator Casey and Mr. Andew,

We are at a critical inflection point for the Justice40 Initiative, and environmental justice communities are eager to see the transformative potential of the Justice40 initiative realized in our communities. We cordially invite you to participate in our first in-person Justice 40rward Community Tour and Briefing in Seattle, Washington on Saturday, May 6th. WE ACT for Environmental Justice, in collaboration with members from the Environmental Leadership Forum, is launching regional tours as part of our Justice40rward Campaign, designed to optimize the potential of Justice40 and connect frontline, communities of color, and areas of low income directly with Agency staff and members of the Biden Administration to lay the groundwork for critical investments to come to their communities. Local and state electeds will participate as well to ensure all stakeholders are at the table.

The Seattle tour is co-hosted by the <u>Duwamish River Community Coalition</u>, a local community based environmental Justice organization. The focus of the Seattle tour will be the legacy and current impacts of industry pollution on the Duwamish River and surrounding communities. The programming will include a Toxic Tour hosted by community leaders and a Roundtable panel to catalyze robust conversations about current opportunities afforded by the Justice40 initiative and recent funding.

Programming for this event will be on May 6th starting at 9am PST with a special breakfast for Federal invitees, followed by a briefing and toxic tour in the afternoon. A full agenda is attached with additional details.

The goal of this community tour will be to: raise awareness of Justice40 investments in the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act; spotlight community advocacy and environmental justice leadership; and engage with city, county, state and federal officials to ensure IIJA/IRA Justice40 investments reach communities that need them most.

Please confirm whether you will be able to attend by **Tuesday**, **April 25th**. We would greatly appreciate RSVP's through our survey link: https://forms.gle/unUeiGaipS9Q8NRT7. If you are unable to attend, we would greatly appreciate the attendance of another Senior Official in your office. We are happy to answer any questions you may have or schedule a call to discuss this opportunity further.

Sincerely,

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